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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF 2 JUNE MOVEMENT TERRORISTS: 20TH SESSION

REF: USBERLIN 1614 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY: TRIAL CONTINUED 11 JULY, ABSENT TILL MEYER WHO
AS REPORTED SEPTTEL WAS SUBJECT OF SEPARATE TRIAL. ONLY TWO
WITNESSES WERE HEARD AND IN GENERAL THE SESSION WAS CHAOTIC.
END SUMMARY.

1. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, TRIAL OF TILL MEYER WAS SEPARATED
FROM TRIAL OF OTHER 2 JUNE MOVEMENT DEFENDANTS. FIRST SESSION
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OF HIS TRIAL IS REPORTED SEPTTEL.

2. 20TH SESSION OF MAIN TRIAL WAS HELD 11 JULY, DURING WHICH
A MAJOR DISORDER OCCURRED. TWO WITNESSES HAD JUST CON-
CLUDED THEIR TESTIMONY WHEN THE ATTENTION OF THE TRIAL
PARTICIPANTS WAS DRAWN TO A TUMULT AMONG MEMBERS OF THE
AUDIENCE. IT RESULTED IN A SCUFFLE BETWEEN THE POLICE

AND SOME SPECTATORS WHO HAD DISTURBED THE SESSION WITH SHOUTS. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, DEFENDANTS RALF REINDERS AND GERALD KLOEPPER AVAILED THEMSELVES OF THE OPPORTUNITY AND CLIMBED TO THE ROOF OF THE TWO METER HIGH BULLET-PROOF GLASS CABINS ENCIRCLING THE DEFENDANTS. A FISTFIGHT ENSUED BETWEEN THOSE TWO AND A SECURITY GUARD WHO ATTEMPTED TO GET THEM DOWN SEVERAL MORE SECURITY GUARDS INTERVENED IN ORDER TO OVERPOWER AND SUBDUE THEM. REINDERS AND KLOEPPER WERE REMOVED FORM THE COURTROOM, AND LIKE ANDREAS VOGEL SOMETIME AGO, EXCLUDED FROM THE TRIAL FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD. RONALD FRITZSCH WHO HAD SIMILARLY DISTURBED THE SESSION WAS ALSO EXCULDED.

3. UNLIKE THE PREVIOUS SESSION, THE DEFENSE COUNSELS WERE NOT SEARCHED BEFORE ENTERING THE COURTROOM. THIS WAS BECAUSE THE SUSPENSION OF THE SEARCH ORDER WAS STILL IN EFFECT.

4. ALSO ON 11 JULY, THE 4TH PENAL SENAT REVOKED THE WARRANT OF ARREST AGAINST DELEV MUELLERHOFF FORMERLY DEFENSE COUNSEL FOR TILL MEYER AND ARRESTED ON 1 JUNE ON SUSPICION OF HAVING AIDED AND ABETTED MEYER'S BREAKOUT FROM PRISON. THE COURT CONCLUDED THAT THE EVIDENCE SO FAR PRODUCED DID NOT JUSTIFY MUELLERHOFF'S ARREST AND THAT NO NEW EVIDENCE COULD BE EXPECTED. AFTER HIS RELEASE FROM ARREST, MUELLERHOFF ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO WITHDRAW AS DEFENSE COUNSEL
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FOR TILL MEYER IN THE SEAPRATE TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR MYER. MUELLERHOFF CLAIMED THAT HE NO LONGER ENJOYED MEYER'S CONFIDENCE. HE ALSO ADDED SOMEWHAT OBLIQUELY THAT "AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION" HE ARRIVED AT THE CONCLUSION THAT MEYER MIGHT HAVE KNOWN IN ADVANCE OF THE ATTEMPT TO FREE HIM FROM PRISON. GEORGE

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